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: EXAMINER: JEROME JACKSON, JR.

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FOR: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND METHOD OF FABRICATING THE SAME

AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated February 24, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 18 of this paper.